

# Daniel 10:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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The messenger reassures Daniel: 'And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong.' The repeated 'man greatly beloved' provides assurance, while 'fear not' addresses Daniel's terror. The double command 'be strong, yea, be strong' intensifies the exhortation—requiring supernatural strength beyond natural capacity. Daniel's response shows the strengthening's effectiveness: 'And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.' The divine word itself strengthens—God's commands include power to obey them. Daniel moves from collapsed incapacity to readiness to receive further revelation. This demonstrates that God prepares His servants for assigned tasks, providing sufficient grace for each requirement.

## Historical Context

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The pattern—divine appearance, human terror, reassurance ('fear not'), strengthening, commission—structures theophanic encounters throughout Scripture: Gideon (Judges 6), Isaiah (Isaiah 6), Ezekiel (Ezekiel 1-3), Mary (Luke 1), Paul (Acts 9, 22, 26), John (Revelation 1). This consistent pattern validates genuine divine encounters versus false visions or psychological experiences. God's repeated reassurance and strengthening demonstrates His pastoral care—He

doesn't merely use servants as tools but strengthens them as beloved children. For Jewish exiles and persecuted Christians, this pattern encouraged: God strengthens His people for difficult callings; His presence provides sufficient grace. The strengthening's effectiveness (Daniel moving from incapacity to readiness) demonstrates divine grace's power.

## **Related Passages**

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## **Study Questions**

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1. How does the effectiveness of divine strengthening (incapacity to readiness) demonstrate grace's transforming power?
2. What does the pattern 'fear not...be strong' teach about God addressing both emotional (fear) and physical (weakness) needs?
3. Why does God repeatedly reassure Daniel of His love during this difficult experience?

## Interlinear Text

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לֹא	שָׁלֹוֹם	חִמָּד וְתִיבָא	אִישׁ	תִּיבָא	אֶל	וְאָמַרְהוּ
	not peace	And when he had spoken	O man	fear	And said	
	H7965	H1696	H376	H3372	H408	H559
כִּי	אֶדְנִי	יְדִבֶּר	חִזְקִתָּנִי	חִזְקִתָּנִי	חִזְקִתָּנִי	
	Let my lord	And when he had spoken	be unto thee be strong	be unto thee be strong	be unto thee be strong	
	H3588	H1696	H2388	H2388	H2388	
			וְאָמַרְהוּ	חִזְקִתָּנִי	חִזְקִתָּנִי	
			And said	be unto thee be strong	be unto thee be strong	
			H559	H2388	H2388	
				חִזְקִתָּנִי	חִזְקִתָּנִי	
				be unto thee be strong	be unto thee be strong	
				H2388	H2388	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 35:4** (Parallel theme): Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

**Joshua 1:9** (References Lord): Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

**Judges 6:23** (Peace): And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.

**Daniel 9:23** (Love): At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

**Revelation 1:17** (Parallel theme): And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

**John 14:27** (Peace): Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

**2 Corinthians 12:9** (Parallel theme): And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**John 19:26** (Love): When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!

**2 Timothy 2:1** (Parallel theme): Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

**Psalms 138:3** (Parallel theme): In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.